

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):**

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Decreased by 0.15% in the West Bank\* in  
October 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.56 in October 2009 with a decrease of 0.15% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for October indicates a **decrease in the cost** of the following major construction inputs:

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| - Iron and steel                      | - 3.59% |
| - Iron Reservoirs                     | - 0.40% |
| - Equipment and electrical networking | - 0.26% |

At the same time, there was an **increase in** the cost of the following major groups:

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|------------------------------|---------|
| - Metals Tools               | + 1.91% |
| - Wood products              | + 1.44% |
| - Cutting and shaping stones | + 0.45% |

\* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

**NB:** Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.

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